

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An image processor which processes input image data and sends the processed data to an image output device, comprising:
 - a memory device which stores output inhibition conditions for inhibiting print of an image including a specified pattern;
 - a first converter which converts the input image data to first image data for image forming;
 - a second converter which converts the input image data to second image data in correspondence to characteristics ~~a state of a print obtained by the~~ image output device;
 - a detector which detects the specified pattern in the second image data converted by said second converter, based on the output inhibition conditions stored in said memory device; and
 - a controller which controls the output of the first image data converted by said first converter, according to a result of the detection by said detector.
2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The image processor according to claim 1, wherein the output inhibition conditions are independent of the input image data and the image output device.

4. (Original) The image processor according to claim 1, wherein said second converter comprises a conversion table based on measurement values of color of the print.

5. (Currently Amended) An image processing system comprising an image processor which processes input image data and outputs the processed data, and an image output device which receives the processed data and outputs an image, said image processor comprising:

a memory device which stores output inhibition conditions for inhibiting print of an image including a specified pattern;

a first converter which converts the input image data to first image data for image forming;

a second converter which converts the input image data to second image data in correspondence to characteristics ~~a state of a print obtained by the~~ image output device;

a detector which detects the specified pattern in the second image data converted by said second converter, based on the output inhibition conditions stored in said memory device; and

a controller which controls the output of the first image data converted by said first converter, according to a result of the detection by said detector.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of processing input image data and sending the processed data to an image output device, the method comprising the steps of:

storing output inhibition conditions for inhibiting output of an image including a specified pattern;

converting the input image data to first image data for image forming;

converting the input image data to second image data in correspondence to characteristics ~~a state of a print obtained by~~ the image output device;

detecting the specified pattern in the second image data based on the output inhibition conditions; and

controlling the output of the first image data according to a result of the detection.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program comprising the steps of:

storing output inhibition conditions for inhibiting output of an image including a specified pattern;

converting the input image data to first image data for image forming;

converting the input image data to second image data in correspondence to characteristics ~~a state of a print obtained by~~ the image output device;

detecting the specified pattern in the second image data based on the output inhibition conditions; and

controlling the output of the first image data according to a result of the detection.

8. (Original) An image processor which processes input image data and sends the processed data to an image output device, comprising:

a memory device which stores output inhibition conditions for inhibiting print of an image including a specified pattern;

a converter which converts the output inhibition conditions to detection parameters according to output characteristics of the image output device;

a detector which detects the specified pattern in the input image data based on the detection parameters converted by said converter; and

a controller which controls the output of the processed image data according to a result of the detection by said detector.

9. (Previously Presented) The image processor according to claim 8, wherein the detection parameters include at least one of color, size and resolution of the print.

10. (Original) The image processor according to claim 8, wherein the output inhibition conditions are independent of the input image data and the image output device.

11. (Previously Presented) The image processor according to claim 8, wherein said converter comprises a conversion table based on measurement values of color of the print.

12. (Original) The image processor according to claim 8, wherein the detection parameters are generated for each of setting conditions of the image output device.

13. (Original) An image processing system comprising an image processor which processes input image data and outputs the processed data, and an image output device which receives the processed data and outputs an image, said image processor comprising:

a memory device which stores output inhibition conditions for inhibiting print of an image including a specified pattern;

a converter which converts the output inhibition conditions to detection parameters according to output characteristics of the image output device;

a detector which detects the specified pattern in the input image data based on the detection parameters converted by said converter; and

a controller which controls the output of the processed image data according to a result of the detection by said detector.

14. (Original) A method of processing input image data and sending the processed data to an image output device, comprising the steps of:

storing output inhibition conditions for inhibiting output of an image including a specified pattern;

converting the output inhibition conditions to detection parameters according to output characteristics of the image output device;

detecting the specified pattern in the input image data based on the detection parameters; and

controlling the output of the processed image data according to a result of the detection.

15. (Original) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program comprising the steps of:

storing output inhibition conditions for inhibiting output of an image including a specified pattern;

converting the output inhibition conditions to detection parameters according to output characteristics of the image output device;

detecting the specified pattern in the input image data based on the detection parameters; and

controlling the output of the processed image data according to a result of the detection.